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"Powell has said there is no need for more public comment, and he sees no reason to delay.

Adelstein said the June 2 vote is "a rush to judgment." He said he asked Powell to make the recommendations public in a briefing to the commissioners, but the chairman refused.

"It would be helpful to him to eliminate the charge that the public isn't being involved in this," Adelstein said. "He said he wouldn't do it."

Powell had no immediate comment on the Democrats' statements, but last week he singled out Adelstein as one of the commissioners who had been helpful in working with him developing the media ownership proposal.

Adelstein said he was pessimistic his contributions would be included in the draft.

"Most people in this country have no idea what's about to happen to them even though their very democracy is at stake," he said.

In the past, FCC commissioners occasionally have asked that an item on their agenda be postponed for a month. Copps and Adelstein said that remains an option, but they will wait until they see the proposal. Powell is not obligated to grant a delay. "